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SUBJECT: UNITA SECRETARY GENERAL COMMENTS ON NAMIBIA AND CABINDA

1. N'ZAU PUNA, THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND ROVING TROUBLE
SHOOTER OF UNITA, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON APRIL 10 IN LOBITO
AND ON APRIL 11 IN SA DA BANDEIRA. IN BOTH HE GAVE FRANK
OPINIONS ON SEVERAL TOPICS.

2. PUNA RECOGNIZED LEM WITH SWAPO AND THE OVAMBOS IN
SOUTHERN ANGOLA. HE SAID HE HAD REPRIMANDED UNITA MILITARY
COMMANDERS AND ORDERED THEM TO MAINTAIN MORE COMPLETE CONTROL
OVER THEIR TROOPS TO PREVENT A REPETITION OF THE ATTACK ON
WHITES AND FARMS THAT RECENTLY OCCURRED. HE SAID ANGOLA
MUST HAVE TIME TO ORGANIZE ITS AFFAIRS BEFORE IT PERMITS
SWAPO TO OPERATE FROM ANGOLA, IN RECOGNITION, HE SAID,
OF THE GREAT POWER OF ANGOLA'S SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR. HE
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REFERRED TO ATTEMPTS BY UNNAMED GROUPS TO FORM A BREAKAWAY

STATE IN THE CUNHAMA REGION OF SOUTHERN ANGOLA AND STATED
UNITA FORCES MUST REDOUBLE ITS EFFORTS AGAINST THEM.
ENGLISH AND CUNHAMA ARE NOT TO BE THE LANGUAGES OF THAT
SOUTHERN REGION.

3. IN HIS APRIL 10 PRESS CONFERENCE HE TEPIDLY DEFENDED
UNITA'S CHIEF IN THE SOUTH, DR ANTONIO VAKULUKUTA,
AGAINST CHARGES THAT HE IS ALLIED WITH SWAPO. HE SAID HE
HAD SPOKEN WITH THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNOR OF HUILA DISTRICT
WHO ASSURED HIM VAKULUKUTA WAS NOT WORKING WITH SWAPO. HE
DID OBLIQUELY CRITICIZE VAKULUKUTA'S LEADERSHIP, HOWEVER,
BY STATING THAT NON-ANGOLAN ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN INFILTRATED
INTO UNITA IN THE SOUTH AND THAT THESE ELEMENTS ARE
INSUBORDINATE AND ARE PROPAGANDIZING THE CUNHAMA POPULACE
AGAINST REMAINING A PART OF ANGOLA. IN HIS APRIL 11 PRESS
CONFERENCE IN SA DA BANDEIRA, VALUKULUTA'S BASE OF OPERATION,
PUNA AVOIDED ALL MENTION OF VALUKULUTA'S NAME AND WAS MORE
OUTSPOKEN IN HIS CRITICISM OF SWAPO THAN HE HAD BEEN IN
LOBITO ON THE PREVIOUS DAY.

4. PUNA, A NATIVE CABINDAN, AGAIN CALLED FOR A DIALOGUE
WITH CABINDANS ON THEIR FUTURE. HE SAID IT SHOULDN'T BE
NECESSARY FOR CABINDANS TO GO OVER TO FLEC FOR TRAINING
AND THEN COME BACK TO FIGHT IN ANGOLA. "EVERYTHING CAN BE
ARRANGED THROUGH A DIALOGUE". DECONTORL UPON RECEIPT.
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